Table 6.B1.—Number and percentage distribution of initial awards and number of months of benefits withheld due to earnings, by age and sex, 1998 <sup>1</sup>

[Based on 1-percent sample]

Age in month of award and sex	Benefits withheld due to ear				js
	All initial awards <sup>2</sup>	Benefits received for all entitlement months <sup>3</sup>	All entitlement months	One-half or more of entitlement months	Less than one-half of entitlement months
	Number of beneficiaries				
Total	1,431,000	1,179,500	90,800	98,100	52,500
62–64	1,084,300	968,900	17,200	60,200	31,400
62	826,900	769,600	9,500	30,400	13,300
63	111,900	96,700	2,700	8,300	3,30
64	145,500	102,600	5,000	21,500	14,800
65	228,800	115,500	64,800	29,900	17,400
Reduced <sup>4</sup>	32,800	22,700	2,100	4,200	3,50
Unreduced	196,000	92,800	62,700	25,700	13,900
66–69 70 or older	68,200	46,400	8,800	8,000	3,700
	49,700	48,700			
Men	775,200	620,300	61,800	59,100	28,300
62–64	586,800	520,900	11,100	34,500	16,100
62	441,500	408,800	6,700	17,300	6,100
63 64	61,700 83,600	52,900 59,200	1,800 2,600	4,800 12,400	1,700 8,300
65	136,300	61,900	44,400	19,600	9,700
Reduced <sup>4</sup>	18,800	12,900	1,500	2,600	1,600
Unreduced	117,500	49,000	42,900	17,000	8,10
66–69	38,700	24,400	6,300	5,000	2,500
70 or older	13,400	13,100			2,550
Women	655,800	559,200	29,000	39,000	24,200
62–64	497,500	448,000	6,100	25,700	15,300
62	385,400	360,800	2,800	13,100	7,200
63 64	50,200 61,900	43,800 43,400	900 2.400	3,500 9,100	1,600 6,500
65	92,500	53,600	20,400	10,300	7,700
Reduced <sup>4</sup>	14,000	9,800	600	1,600	1,900
Unreduced	78,500	43,800	19,800	8,700	5,800
66–69	29,500	22,000	2,500	3,000	1,200
70 or older	36,300	35,600	2,000		
	Percentage distribution				
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
62–64	75.8	82.1	18.9	61.4	59.8
62	57.8	65.2	10.5	31.0	25.3
63 64	7.8 10.2	8.2 8.7	3.0 5.5	8.5 21.9	6.3 28.2
65	16.0	9.8	71.4	30.5	33.1
Reduced <sup>4</sup>	2.3	1.9	2.3	4.3	6.7
Unreduced	13.7	7.9	69.1	26.2	26.5
66–69	4.8	3.9	9.7	8.2	7.0
70 or older	3.5	4.1			
Men	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
62–64	75.7	84.0	18.0	58.4	56.9
62	57.0	65.9	10.8	29.3	21.6
63	8.0	8.5	2.9	8.1	6.0
64	10.8	9.5	4.2	21.0	29.3
65	17.6	10.0	71.8	33.2	34.3
Reduced 4	2.4	2.1	2.4	4.4	5.7
Unreduced	15.2	7.9	69.4	28.8	28.6
66–69	5.0	3.9	10.2	8.5	8.8
70 or older	1.7	2.1			
Women	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
62–64	75.9	80.1	21.0	65.9	63.2
62	58.8	64.5	9.7	33.6	29.8
63	7.7	7.8	3.1	9.0	6.6
64	9.4	7.8	8.3	23.3	26.9
65	14.1	9.6	70.3	26.4	31.8
Reduced <sup>4</sup>	2.1	1.8	2.1	4.1	7.9
Unreduced	12.0	7.8	68.3	22.3	24.0
66–69	4.5	3.9	8.6	7.7	5.0
70 or older	5.5	6.4			-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Excludes persons whose benefits were converted from disabled worker to retired worker in 1998. Includes conversions from nondisabled widow(er)'s benefits to higher retired-worker benefits.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Includes 10,100 awards for which benefits were withheld for reasons other than earnings.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Months of entitlement begin with the month of award and end either in December 1998 or the month before the retired-worker benefit is terminated.

<sup>4</sup> Includes awards to retired workers age 65 at time of award, when the first month of entitlement to benefits preceded the attainment of age 65.